

for department store workers



Flood victims received more than a ton of food and clothing and several hundred dollars from generous members of Local I-S. Contributions piled high on 34th Street and at each of the Branch Stores.

I-S Members Deluge Flood Victims With Food, Clothing and Money

Hundreds of I-S'ers at Herald Square and each of the branch stores deluged Salvation Army collectors with food, clothing and money in response to a Union appeal for aid to the victims of the August floods.

Disregarding the hardship of carrying bundles in the subway rush, scores of men and women arrived with loaded shopping bags, stuffed valises, cartons and make-shift packages, while hundreds of dollars were donated in spontaneous shop collections.

Hundreds of additional members anxiously asked where and when they could make their donations.

CIO AID DRIVE

The Local I-S drive to secure aid for victims of the floods came to a head yesterday before CIO President Walter P. Reuther called for help in the true spirit of union brotherhood.

In his appeal, the CIO leader urged CIO affiliates and all union members to contribute generously to the CIO's special flood relief fund committee, in order that help may be given quickly and without stint to these people who need help so greatly.

This help will be extended, he said, in the true spirit of union brotherhood. It will be greatly appreciated by the families of the flood-stricken communities of the flood

tions. Several who came empty-handed made cash contributions along with the promise that they would bring food and clothing to their neighborhood police precincts.

Eyewitnesses

The Salvation Army team answered the Local I-S call without reservation. Despite the heavy burden on all their available transportation, trucks and manpower were placed at the Union's disposal.

Almost all of the collectors, some of them displaced victims of hurricane Connie and the floods, have had personal experience in the devastated areas.

"Unbelievable" is the one word they all had in common in trying to describe the havoc and human suffering. They quickly switched from talk of suffering to the cheering picture of the response to the appeals for aid.

They told of the collection and sorting center at Civil Defense Headquarters at 500 Park Avenue. They told of the steady stream of trucks and cars delivering the urgently needed food and clothing,

and of the volunteers who are busy sorting and packaging it and speeding it on its way to distribution points in the stricken cities, towns and villages.

Throughout New York and countless other cities people are once again demonstrating their basic goodness and generosity by aiding the less fortunate. The response from those on the receiving end is one of warm gratitude and new faith in the brotherhood of man.

President Thanks

President Sam Kovenetsky, who was one of the many who came to work with his hands full, praised the members for their unselfishness. He said, "We don't have to have a personal 'thank you' to know how deeply appreciated this help is."

"We gave because people were in need, and because we as trade unionists know better than most the value of standing together. This kind of unity in the face of devastation is what will help hold families together and get them back on their feet. By being good human beings we have done for them what they would do for us."

Official Notice

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7:30 P.M.

MANHATTAN CENTER

34th Street & 8th Avenue

\$2 Assessment to the Welfare Fund for unexcused absence
Admission by 1955 Union Card Only

Unity Wins Fight For Cafeteria's Workers

Non-cooperation with the company's self-bussing program in the cafeteria has achieved its aim, said President Sam Kovenetsky. Macy's has made extraordinary efforts to find satisfactory jobs for nine workers displaced by automatic

Record Turnout Expected At I-S Steward Meeting

Response to the September 20th conference of Local I-S Shop Stewards clearly indicates that a record number of department leaders will be on hand to help shape Union policy for the coming months.

Discontent with Macy actions and attitudes shapes up as one of the important factors giving the Stewards a feeling of urgency about the day-long gathering. Now rated high in the "areas of dissatisfaction" is the company's attempt to evade paying the full \$2 wage increase to all members, regardless of where they stand in the wage structure. This attempt to read the award in such a manner as to deprive a large group of half the raise has stirred considerable resentment, especially since the company's first announcement agreed with the Union's view that the entire raise was applicable to all.

The major problem looming over the conference, however, is the expiration of the contract on February 1, 1956. Mobilization in support of those negotiations will rest in large measure on the work of the Stewards, and one aim of the conference will be to insure that all efforts are in the same direction.

Underlining the importance attached to the coming meeting, President Sam Kovenetsky declared that, "Every sign points to trouble when our contract runs out. We don't pretend to read Macy's mind, but from the facts already known to all of us it is quite evident that the company is pressing to take fullest advantage of the corporation-minded administration in Washington. They know that this may be their last chance before liberal, pro-labor America cleans house in Washington in November of 1956."

"To effectively meet this threat we will need the active participation of all members, who will best function under the day-to-day leadership of their Shop Stewards. Our conference will help equip the Steward for these challenging responsibilities which will soon be at hand."

conveyor belts, and the Union's officers are satisfied with the results. Despite these satisfactory results, the Executive Board at a special meeting on September 7 voted to continue their refusal to remove the trays. This action was based on the simple belief that as diners they should do no more than they would in any other cafeteria or restaurant.

At question when the membership started its boycott was the job future of those slated to be affected by Macy's new system.

An urgent plea from Executive Board member and cafeteria worker Christian Ryan led to a declaration of policy which urged the membership to refuse to place their trays on the newly installed belts until the company had satisfied the Union's demand for proper human and contractual treatment of the nine workers involved.

A series of meetings of President Kovenetsky and Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson with Macy's Fred Fischer led the Union's officers to declare that, "We are satisfied that the splendid cooperation of the entire membership has secured the results we all desired. As a result of the pressure brought to bear, Macy's has spared no effort to relocate as many of the workers involved as wanted to stay in the store. Some preferred to take advantage of our contract's outstanding severance pay provision, while all who wanted to are still with us."

"Each person who participated in this demonstration of strength and solidarity can be proud of the results it has achieved."

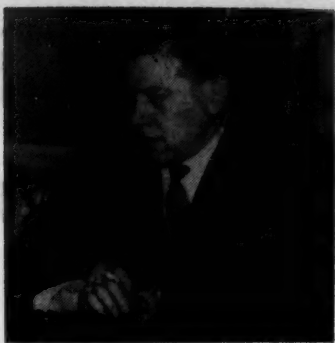
MACY DELAYS RAISE PAYMENT

In the issue of the Macy Star dated September 7th, the company announced that it would have to cancel its announced plan to put the five cent an hour wage increase in the pay envelopes of September 21, 22 and 23. Also affected by the company's decision is the payment of retroactive money, which had originally been scheduled for the pay days of Nov. 2, 3 and 4th.

Macy's action resulted from the company's disagreement with Local I-S over the meaning of Arbitrator Taylor's award.

An answer from Professor Taylor is expected very shortly, in which it is hoped he will make everything clear.

Worth Talking About



By President Sam Kovenetsky

OUR COMING CONFERENCE of Shop Stewards once again illustrates the tremendous importance of this group of devoted Union members. Serving without compensation, they derive their major satisfaction from the knowledge that they play a vital part in keeping our Union strong and making it still stronger.

At the conference these men and women will reflect the problems, the needs and the aspirations of the people who have elected them. From the most seasoned to the most recently elected, the Steward will bear the responsibility—as they have always borne it—of serving as the direct representatives of all of our 8,000 members.

THE DAY-BY-DAY WORK of the Steward necessarily demands that he develop and maintain the closest ties with the people around him. In the course of his work he develops a sensitivity that makes him react faster than most people to anything bearing on the well-being of the department members and the Union as a whole.

FOR IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTING the people in their relations with management, the Steward represents the people in their relations with the Union—and also represents the Union in its relations with the people. That is the two way street that basically guarantees the continuing Union democracy of which we are all so proud!

It is most natural that the people will want to convey ideas, suggestions and criticisms to their leadership. If it is an individual who wants to do this, he is free at all times to come directly to the leadership and air his views. If it is a departmental idea, suggestion or criticism it may well be that after the group has met and agreed, the job of relaying its decisions will fall to the Steward.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT COIN is when the Executive Board—the policy making body of our Union—determines a course of action, the officers will call the Steward in, present the decision for discussion and then reasonably expect the Steward to go back to meet with his department and win their support for the carrying out of such policy.

I AM FULLY AWARE THAT there are occasional lapses in the functioning of the system. But let us all remember that there are lapses in the functioning of all democratic forms—and that when the people become aware of such shortcomings it is *their* responsibility to help quickly overcome them.

These weak spots by no means characterize our organization. They are rather the exception, and we devote as much time and energy as possible to overcome our weaknesses and replace them with strength. IN THE MAIN OUR STEWARD BODY is an outstanding reflection of our strength. We can say with confidence, in advance of our all-day meeting soon to take place, that the overwhelming majority of our Shop Stewards will be on hand, prepared to constructively advance the best interests of Local 1-S as a whole.

This can best be accomplished, I believe, if the Stewards will meet with their department members and determine if there are any problems they want discussed at the conference.

QUITE NATURALLY, THE CONFERENCE will concern itself primarily with questions of an over-all nature, with the coming expiration of our contract holding first place of importance. But since the expiration means the re-negotiation of our entire agreement, it is of tremendous importance that all of us be made aware, if we have not already, of experiences and difficulties under the present agreement.

This awareness will serve as a valuable guide to the drafting of our proposed changes, and there is no group better equipped to speak on this subject than the Steward who has been charged with the responsibility for enforcing the contract since it was signed almost two years ago.

HIGH ON THE LIST OF NEEDS of most members are items which have been on the agenda of past negotiations. These would certainly include our perennial efforts to win a reduction in hours from 40 to 35 per week with no cut in take-home pay; the urgent need for major improvements in our present pension plan; expansion of our Health Plan benefits; a fully automatic wage structure that will deprive the company of the opportunity to juggle job reviews as a means of saving themselves money; and the winning of additional security safeguards. These subjects alone will certainly give everyone at the conference a substantial starting point for discussion!

MANY OF OUR MOST SIGNIFICANT accomplishments have had their beginnings at such meetings of our department leaders. I know that we all look forward to a vigorous continuation of our outstanding form of democratic unionism and progress.

Class For All Union's New Members Alerts Them to Rights and Duties

For several years Local 1-S has conducted a weekly class for its new members. The aim of the class is to familiarize newcomers with both their rights and responsibilities as Union members.

"Members who know the score", says Education Director Dick Pastor, "are much more willing to give whatever time and energy may be needed to keep our Union strong and to make it even stronger. That's why no member gets a Union card until he has attended the class—and he can't get into Union meetings without a card. In that way we do all we can to make sure that when a person votes on important Union matters he at least has a knowledge of the background and is able to vote with his head as well as his heart."

The members listed below joined Local 1-S during 1955 and have not yet attended a new member's class. In addition to not being able to attend the General Membership Meeting on October 18th, members absent for this reason will automatically be charged with an unexcused absence and will be liable to a two dollar assessment to the Welfare Fund unless non-attendance at the class is due to conflict with regularly scheduled hours of work.

If your name is listed below, be

sure to come to the new member's class at 6:30 P.M. on any Tuesday evening between now and October 11th.

You owe it to yourself to be well-informed about your Union.

May Abatemarco
Thomas Amendola
William Adams
Nicholas Alemanne
Gloria Bonaventure
Hardrick Brown
Dolorite Baham
Gloria Bornhoeft
Margaret Brill
Esther Balmaseda
Frances Beale
Beverly Brick
Elaine Bieber
Althea Carrington
Grace Chodkowski
Rosario Carracci
Elizabeth Devlin
Frank Dandridge
Otto Dawkins
Warren Demotte
Barbara Ellenoff
Floyd Eisenberg
Claire Epter
William Flintner
Gloria Falco
Raphae Faraco
Lazzarin Francisco
Joseph Fuller
Mary Lynn Fleming
Alex Green
Sylvia Grable
Marcia Gerstler
Edward Gaffney
Melvin Hawkins
Harriet Harwood
John Hutson
Julia Harmon
Lol Jackson
Nathaniel Johnson
Ethel Johnson
Helen Keller
Anne Kramer
Matthew Keyes
Harvey Kislow

Margaret Klages
Patricia Kircher
John Lonergan
Sadie Laudani
Vera Lang
Myron Lux
Eileen Lipp
Shirley Lacov
Gussie Middleton
Robert Mendez
Rose Mann
Audrey Maeda
Eugene McGuiness
Virginia Mariani
Matthew Meo
Wilson Nared
Eldon Orrick
Renee Orloff
Samuel Phillips
Rosemarie Pugliatti
Donald Packard
Robert Perroneau
Lucille Platt
Edmund Quarry
Dolores Reina
Joseph Rayner
William Reese
Nancy Rosenberg
Gilbert Scharffs
Karen Swensen
Mariamne Smith
Anna Stabile
Maryilyn Salvatore
Florentino Salmon
Edward Slomka
Barbara Stewart
Rae Salpeter
Seymour Smith
Maria Susskind
Ruth Strumwasser
Linda Schwack
Claire Stevens
Eckart Straub
Evelyn Shanley
Mary Tydor
Victoria Thiele
William Wilson
Joseph Wiley
Betty Wysocki
Harold Young

Union's Summer Camp Program A Big Success

Heartwarming thanks have been received by Local 1-S from many members whose children got a vacation in the country—thanks to the Union's camp program.

Vacations ranged from two weeks at boys and girls camps to similar periods in Friendly Town country homes.

The youngsters were sent off to such choice vacation spots as Rutland, Vermont, Lehighnton, Pa. and Camps Coler and Bliss.

Because the program was only in its second season, there were still very few applicants. Only twelve members took advantage of this union-made opportunity to give themselves and their children real vacations at no cost.

Commenting on the program, 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky said, "It is a great pity to think that many youngsters spent this brutally hot summer in the city when they could have been away for at least two weeks.

"It's one thing if there's nothing that can be done, but Local 1-S members were particularly fortunate to have a camp program available.

"If you have any questions about the camp program, ask them during the winter months, so that when camping time comes you'll be convinced that it is truly wonderful".

HELP!

LEGAL CLINIC
SOCIAL SERVICE
COMPENSATION AID

Free of Charge
at the
UNION OFFICE
Every Wednesday
From 5 to 7 P.M.

LOW-COST CREDIT UNION LOANS AVAILABLE TO 1-S MEMBERS

"There can be no doubt", said Local 1-S Credit Union Treasurer Jack Schultz, "That many families have gone into the red getting the children outfitted and back to school. That kind of outlay usually puts a big dent in any family budget.

"But", the Treasurer added, "there is no reason for any family to struggle along because of it, since the Local 1-S Credit Union is ready to make available the kind of low-cost loan that enables the paying off of all other bills."

The Credit Union, chartered and supervised by the U.S. government, is a cooperative bank run by and for the benefit of its members.

Membership is open to all who belong to Local 1-S as well as members of their families living under the same roof. Fifty cents

opens an account and 3 percent interest is paid annually on each five dollars on deposit.

Once an account is opened, bonded collectors in the store will take your passbook and money, make your deposit for you, and return the book to you.

It is smart to be thrifty—join the Local 1-S Credit Union!

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PAC committee members came to special meeting to discuss grassroots campaign. Here they study election district map to determine number of members living in key election district and plan to visit them.

PAC Aims at Anti-Labor Congressman In a Spirited Grassroots Campaign

The Local 1-S Political Action Committee has demonstrated that it does more than just talk about the fight for good government. It does things, too!

Early in August it became evident that there was a new possibility of unseating the anti-labor Congressman Donovan in Manhattan's 18th Congressional District.

That bright hope arose when Frank Stella announced their determination to take advantage of the first direct elections of district leaders as a means of breaking the machine's stranglehold.

PAC Chairman Charles Boyd, along with 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky, Vice President Bill Atkinson and Education Director Dick Pastor, met with candidate Stella.

From him they learned that a defeat for Donovan's district leader would almost certainly destroy any chance of the Congressman being re-elected — or even renominated.

Action!

With the Union's officers satis-

fied that this was a major means of striking a blow for labor, Boyd took the information to PAC. A study of the membership disclosed 55 members living in the district.

Further investigation showed a total of only eleven who had registered last year and were therefore eligible to vote for Democratic Party candidates in the September 13th Primary Day election.

From that point, the committee took the bit in its teeth and ran. With only ten days in which to work, they visited as many of the members as they could reach. Some were convinced that they, too, should get out and canvas the registered voters and bring them labor's view of the election.

As this issue of the Local 1-S NEWS went to press, PAC Chairman Boyd said, "It's too early to know whether Mr. Stella is going to win. But we do know that for the first time PAC went out and did a job at the grassroots."

"We were not concerned with party label. If a similar opportunity to rid ourselves of an anti-labor Congressman had developed

in the Republican Party we would have done exactly the same kind of job.

"Our aim is to get every member of our Union into politics. We think it would be great if everyone, regardless of his party, got into his neighborhood political club and spoke out on issues important to them as workers and trade union members."

"We think that at least 55 members have had a fine demonstration of how important this can be!"

Registration

Drawing the obvious conclusion, Chairman Boyd added:

"Many political leaders are hoping that registration in October will again be light. This hope is based on the simple fact that only those who register will be able to vote in similar Primary Day elections next year."

"The fact that district leaders are now elected by the direct vote of those who register makes it most urgent that every qualified person take advantage of this new opportunity to name the men who name the candidates."

BE SURE TO REGISTER!

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office.

You are covered by The Health Plan only until the end of the month in which you leave the store, and have another 30 days within which to arrange for your direct payments.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself — protect your family — protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time.

'Friendly Forties' Resent Being Made Macy Stooges

"It looks as though it's time for me to get out of the Friendly Forties", is the way some members are putting it.

Others, obviously sharing the same sentiment, just aren't talking up yet, but are quietly working at making their decision.

The most recent reason for the disturbance many of the Friendly Forties have in common is the way they were used to front for Macy's in the opening of the new cafeteria.

One of them said, "Macy's just made a d---d fool out of me and I helped them. Here's the Union working to save the jobs of cafeteria workers and along I come like a dope and help Macy's peddle the idea that a little piece of heaven has drifted down to the 8th Floor! How stupid can I get?"

As a result of this incident other members of the management organization have come to their Union's officers and for the first time begun to ask questions.

A typical session raised one main question. "Why does Macy's sponsor the Friendly Forty Club?" Not being mind readers, the officers have clearly told the members that they could only guess.

"After all", said President Sam Kovenetsky, "they have no other channels through which to reach you. You are a good Union member and would be immediately suspicious if an executive came to you and tried to get you to be a front man for them."

"This way they've pulled a fast one. They've patted you on the

back. Your supervisor nominates you to be a Friendly Forty, so you become a Macy Man of Distinction. And then, in their own quiet way, they try to lead you around by the nose.

"But you're lucky", said the President. "You've gotten wise to what's going on and won't let it happen again. How many people are there who have not yet seen the light?"

Six Percent Less

Vice President Bill Atkinson watched another shamefaced and by now un-Friendly Forty kick himself around and finally stepped in to stop the slaughter.

He took the member in hand and said, "Look, let's face it, Macy's has found what they think is a cheaper way of buying loyalty than in the old days."

"They used to hand out turkeys on Thanksgiving Day. They had a library and a camp and lots of other things. Then they decided that these things were too expensive — and besides, people were still being loyal to 1-S."

"So Macy's put out a leaflet and announced that since the Union had won raises and the people could now afford to buy a turkey the company was going to stop giving them away!"

"That was fine. Only now Macy's is again looking for ways to lead you down the primrose path without spending a cent except for a once a year meal. They seem to think you can be had mighty cheap — but I'm darned sure they're wrong!"

UNION SURVEYS MEMBERSHIP FOR INTEREST IN "RENT INSURANCE"

For many months the Local 1-S Executive Board discussed the possibility of providing some form of "rent insurance" for Union members.

Actually, no insurance company issues policies specifically to cover rent. The most common form such protection takes is Sickness and Accident Insurance, which is usually available at about four dollars a month.

Such policies provide payment of approximately \$80 monthly (regardless of other sick payments received) for a person unable to work as a result of sickness or injury.

While individuals can buy such insurance at any time they must be able to pass the insurance company's physical examination.

Only when such insurance is purchased by a large group at one time will the company disregard an individual's physical condition.

In accordance with the Executive Board's decision, the Local 1-S NEWS is now making this survey to determine the number of people who might be interested in buying such insurance. A sufficiently large number would enable the Union to negotiate with the insurance companies and obtain the best possible price and coverage.

If you are interested, fill out the form below and return it, by mail or in person, to Local 1-S.

The sooner responses are received the sooner the Union will know whether or not to proceed.

Return this form, by mail or in person to:

Local 1-S, 290 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York

MY NAME IS.....

MY OCCUPATION (TYPE OF WORK) IS:.....

MY AGE IS..... YEARS.

I would be interested in purchasing Sickness and Accident Insurance if the Union can obtain a satisfactory policy at a satisfactory price. I understand that such insurance usually costs about \$4 a month and would protect me over and above any other sick leave payments I receive.

Strike Preparations Highlight Divisional Meeting Discussions

The Fall series of Local 1-S Divisional Meetings got underway on September 7th with the Packing and Adjustment Service Divisions heading the list.

Lively interest centered around

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or wife . . .
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under 18 . . .

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Union Needs Help In Running Its New Social Activities Committee

Do you want to be the Elsa Maxwell of the labor movement? Do you want to be host or hostess to some of the biggest and gayest social affairs in town?

Here's your chance! Local 1-S would like you to help head its Social Activities Committee. If you have ever run a card party or dance—or planned forums or charade parties—or even if you've never done any of those things, but would like to start now—here is the golden opportunity.

This new Union group will have full freedom to plan whatever kind of programs it thinks will get support. Old time movies, dancing lessons, skiing parties, amateur nights—it will all be up to you, with the full cooperation of all who can help guaranteed!

Badly Needed

In extending this invitation, Local 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky said, "Many of our members have long felt that such a program is badly needed. We all want a good time but we usually find that the kind of evening we want costs a lot more than we can afford."

"I am certain that through the Union we can provide a regular program of various social activities that will appeal to almost all our members."

"I just hope that enough volunteers will step forward to help us develop some of the wonderful ideas that people have been bringing to us. How about YOU?"

What to Do

If you are ready, willing and able to give some time to the new Social Activities Committee, give your name to your Administrator or call it in to the the Union office.

The Committee will hold its first

meeting on September 21st at 6:30 P.M. at the Union.

It is planned to form similar committees in each of the Branch Stores so that they, too, will be able to look forward to a year-round program of fun and entertainment.

'Alarming' Peril Told To U.S. Civil Liberties

Reprinted from the CIO News

Civil liberties in the United States are being flouted to an "alarming" degree, Dr. Robert H. Hutchins, president of the Fund for the Republic, reported.

"Although in some particulars the atmosphere is better than it was five years ago," Dr. Hutchins said in the Fund's report, "the misunderstanding of civil liberties, the indifference to them and the violations of them, to which we too easily grow accustomed, are still such as to give cause for alarm."

The Fund was authorized in 1951 by the trustees of the Ford Foundation. Now independent of the Foundation, the Fund has spent over \$2.5 million "to advance understanding of civil liberties."

Dr. Hutchins observed that a United States political party had been identified with the "enemy" and said that "it has appeared

that the peril to this country could be dealt with only by methods that drastically departed from those which have characterized Anglo-American jurisprudence."

He continued that the range of suspected persons "has been enormously extended by resort to guilt by association. The evidence offered to show that a man is a danger to American institutions has often been farcically remote. The treatment accorded suspected persons in congressional investigations and administrative hearings has not always been that contemplated by the Sixth Amendment."

Dr. Hutchins said that a "kind of continuous propaganda and social pressure has been kept up that has tended to suppress conscientious non-conformity. Political advantage has accrued from claiming that others were indifferent to the threat of communism."

OFFICIAL NOTICE Divisional Meeting Schedule

This is the only official notice to be given for Divisional Meetings for all members including Saturday-onlies and Fractionals. Admission will be by 1955 Union card. An unexcused absence will be liable to a \$2 assessment to the Welfare Fund as provided for

in Article IX, Section 4 of the Local 1-S Constitution.

Absence excuses must be filed with your Shop Steward within five days before or after the scheduled date of your meeting.

BE SURE TO ATTEND!

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Jamaica	Thurs. Sept 15	6:15 P.M.	Grace Church
8th Fl. (PT)	Tues. Sept. 20	5:00 P.M.	Auditorium
8th Fl. (FT)	Tues. Sept. 20	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
3rd Fl. (PT-FT) *	Wed. Sept 21	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
DA	Wed. Sept. 21	6:30 P.M.	Gold Rm. Hotel Martinique
2nd Fl. (PT)	Fri. Sept. 23	5:00 P.M.	Auditorium
2nd Fl. (FT)	Fri. Sept. 23	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
7th Fl. (PT-FT) *	Wed. Sept. 28	6:45 P.M.	Gold Room, Hotel Martinique
Controllers	Wed. Sept. 28	6:30 P.M.	Auditorium
4th Fl. (PT)	Fri. Sept. 30	5:00 P.M.	Auditorium
4th Fl. (FT)	Fri. Sept. 30	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
Food Dept. (PT)	Fri. Sept. 30	4:45 P.M.	Conference Room
Food Dept. (FT)	Fri. Sept. 30	7:15 P.M.	Conference Room
Parkchester	Fri. Oct. 7	6:15 P.M.	Chester House
White Plains	Mon. Oct. 10	6:15 P.M.	Roma A. C.
Main Fl. (PT)	Tues. Oct. 11	5:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Main Fl. (FT)	Tues. Oct. 11	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
Supply	Tues. Oct. 11	6:30 P.M.	Conference Room
Receiving (PT-FT)	Wed. Oct. 12	6:30 P.M.	Auditorium
9th Fl. (PT-FT)	Fri. Oct. 14	6:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Housekeeping	Tues. Oct. 18	10:30 A.M.	Auditorium
		11:30 A.M.	Auditorium
		3:00 P.M.	Auditorium

(PT)—Part Time, (FT)—Full Time

Asterisk (*) denotes combined PT-FT meeting for purpose of electing a Floor Committee representative.

All meetings, except those of the Branch Stores and those designated for the Hotel Martinique (32nd Street & Bway) are to be held at the Union office, 290 Seventh Avenue.

PERSONALS

FOR SALE—Cherry maple dinette set, foam rubber seats, two extension boards. Excellent condition. Best offer takes it. Also, couch, Chesterfield construction, down cushion, cocoa color, very good condition. \$25. Phone IL 9-0372.

FOR RENT—Large furnished room, suitable for individual or couple. Newly furnished elevator apartment with kitchen privileges. 740 West End Avenue, corner 96th Street. Phone RI 9-0909 between 7-8 P.M. or mornings until 9.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

TO THE EDITOR

FOR YEARS

For years I have been reading the hundreds of letters in our newspaper in appreciation of our Blood Bank and the Health Plan. Now it is my turn to give my thanks and express my admiration.

In my seven weeks in the hospital I met many workers of different unions and organizations and some that had no affiliation. The poor fellows that did not belong will slave many years to pay their doctor and hospital bills. None of these people ever heard of a union having a blood bank. In our talks we often compared our systems of medical insurance with doctors and hospital personnel often joining in.

Ours was always found outstanding and most liberal. Sure, our Health Plan, like the others, has loopholes which are more or less costly. But from what we know from our past union history, we may be quite sure that our leadership—given time, will further extend and improve our Health Plan.

May I just add that our Health Plan Consultant at the Union office is both kind and efficient and does credit to our union.

Mark Yanis, 67 Dept.

MANY THANKS

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Local 1-S for their wonderful Health Plan and for my blood donations.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank my many friends for their kind thoughts, good wishes and gifts during my stay in the hospital.

Very sincerely,
Sarah Goodman, CAS

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

Over the years many of our readers have had many nice things to say about the Local 1-S NEWS, and we have deeply appreciated the bouquets.

But we also have a hunch that there are some silent brickbats lying around, in the form of some who only glance at these pages or don't read them at all.

We have said, on many occasions, that just as Local 1-S is your Union, so too is the Local 1-S NEWS your newspaper.

We have tried at all times to keep you up to date on issues of importance to you—whether they come from on the job problems or from the outside.

The bouquets we have received tell us we have been successful. But what do YOU think? Have you found the kind of news in which you are interested? Is there something that you would like and

have not found?

If you don't read the paper regularly or thoroughly, why not? It is up to you to tell us where we are missing the boat.

Most people never bother to sit down and write a letter—and the average newspaper editor doesn't care, because he has to answer more to his advertisers than to his readers.

But we DO care. This is one paper whose policy you can influence—just by letting us know what you want and why you want it.

Why not take the time now to drop us a line. We'll print whatever you have to say (so long as it includes your name and staff number and is printable!) because we are certain that all our readers will be interested in an exchange of views. You can help us make our Local 1-S NEWS better than ever.

Will you? The Editor

Help Make Democracy Work

Be Sure To Register

OCT. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

from 3:30 PM to 10:30 PM

OCT. 15—7 AM to 10:30 PM

A Reminder from Your 1-S Political Action Committee

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